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Carolina Convoy fails to fill seats

SG lengthens purchase period for Tennessee trip

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Due to low sales, Student Government has extended Carolina Convoy tickets sales for an indefinite period.

Students have only purchased 64 out of the 100 tickets available for Halloween weekend's Carolina Convoy to the Tennessee game.

Carolina Convoy is an SG initiative that provides students a ticket, charter bus transportation, lunch, a T-shirt and a "goodie bag" to one away game each year for a fee of \$100.

This SG program, which is funded by \$2,500 in student activity fees plus the amount students pay in tickets, has experienced problems selling tickets since it launched in 2007. In 2009, low ticket sales forced SG to cancel one of the two buses used for Carolina Convoy. In 2010, Carolina Convoy successfully sold all of its tickets to the Auburn game.

But Colleen Ryan, secretary of Student Senate's athletics committee, said last year's secretary of athletics bought tickets for his friends to ensure that they sold out.

"In the past we've had a lot of problems selling 100 tickets," Ryan said. "Most of the time it takes us a solid three days, and it might not even sell out by then, so we weren't fully surprised we didn't sell 100 tickets."

Athletics Chairman Travis Horne said that 64 students is enough to fill two buses even in the event that SG doesn't sell more tickets before gameday and that there would be no "big ramifications" if more weren't sold. Ryan said the holiday weekend impacted this year's lower ticket sales.

"We've talked to a lot of students, and a majority of them say it's Halloween

CONVOY ● 3



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"Occupy Columbia" protestors, after staking out the Statehouse this weekend, march through USC's campus Monday afternoon.

'OCCUPY' ARRIVES ON CAMPUS

Rally leaves Statehouse, stomps past Russell House

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Protestors' occupation of the Statehouse entered its third day Monday, and the "Occupy Columbia" movement's core contingent said they weren't moving.

Except, of course, when they did move,

as a group of about 40 began marching through USC's campus at 2 p.m., passing by the Russell House and through the Horseshoe as they looped back to the Statehouse grounds.

"We got sold out; the banks got bailed out!" they yelled. "All day, all week, occupy Gervais Street!"

The march caught the attention of some area students, including first-year exercise science student Corey Randle,

who walked alongside Abby Rawl and Caitlyn Brett, all who had been participating in a flash mob on Greene Street as a part of Lancome's "All Dolled Up" event and then decided to jump in the march.

"We'd heard about ["Occupy Wall Street"], and we were interested, but we didn't know much, so we just joined and asked, and now we're walking," Rawl

OCCUPY ● 3

How do we size up?

Vanderbilt: 8:1	Arkansas: 18:1	Ole Miss: 18:1
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USC: 19:1

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More students, fewer professors

Ratio soars in last decade, among highest in SEC; officials say no cause for concern

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Growing freshman class sizes and little faculty hiring have combined to increase USC's student-faculty ratio from 14-to-1 to 19-to-1 in the past decade, causing concerns among faculty about the ability to teach larger classes.

Overall, USC's ratio of 14-to-1 once was exceptional among SEC institutions — it is no longer. USC is now tied with the University of Georgia and the University of Alabama near the bottom of the SEC in

student-faculty ratio.

Mississippi State has a ratio of 20-to-1, the University of Florida has a ratio of 21-to-1 and Louisiana State University has a ratio of 22-to-1.

Student-faculty ratios are important factors in university rankings, such as those done by U.S. News and World Report. They see this statistic as an indicator of individual teaching and personal learning.

Of the seven SEC institutions that score higher than USC on the publication's 2012 rankings, only Auburn University has seen a similar jump in its ratio in the past 10 years.

Helen Doerpinghaus, USC's vice provost and dean of undergraduate studies,

said that while the university hopes to decrease its student-faculty ratio in the future, returning to a 14-to-1 ratio would be almost impossible.

"I think 14-to-1 is almost untenable in the economic environment," Doerpinghaus said. "I don't know if you're going to see ratios like that again in the next decade almost anywhere. We're not headed there; that doesn't even seem realistic to me."

The economic downturn and accompanying state budget cuts have led USC to accept more students to bring in more tuition. Simultaneously, a lack of funds has prevented the university from

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Board picks alumni association director as new secretary

Amy Stone takes over administration role in January

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Amy Stone, currently interim director of the university's alumni association, was elected as secretary to the board of trustees Monday morning.

Stone, 61, will earn \$180,000 a year in her new role, which begins Jan. 1. She will serve as chief liaison to university

administrators, set the agenda for board meetings, sign all university contracts and plan commencement exercises. Stone will also carry the university mace and be responsible for USC's official seal. The role wields plenty of influence but is often behind the scenes.

Stone graduated from the university in 1972 and returned for her master's in 1976. She served as president of the Carolina Alumni Association from 2008 to 2010, which gave

her a spot on the board of trustees.

"I had the opportunity to learn a good bit about how the university operates and how the board functions, and what the responsibilities of the board are," Stone said.

Keeping up with technology and meeting the need many have for instantaneous information will be a priority in her new role, Stone said.

She previously worked with the City Center Partnership, luring Mast

General Store among others to locate in downtown Columbia. She has also raised money for several private schools, including Hammond School here in Columbia. Her husband Mack Stone, who once played for Carolina's football team, is director of the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

"In some ways, I've been preparing for this my entire life," Stone said. "I certainly have a deep love for the university. I'm a Gamecock

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Skating in the city

Columbia's competitive longboarding team talks to the Mix about the city's best spots to skate.

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Columnist Dominique Grate believes both parties must unite their fears to improve the nation's future today.

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USC still in it

Sports Editor James Kratch says the Gamecocks can still win Eastern Division title despite the loss of Marcus Lattimore.

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hiring more faculty to keep up with its ever-growing student body. Doeringhaus also said an increased number of faculty were reaching retirement age.

“State funding for USC is less than 10 percent of the budget, so admitting students is of course important to funding the university,” Doeringhaus said. “I think both mission and economic reality has pushed us to step up and educate more of our citizenry and admit more students, and when we have an economic downturn, faculty hiring dampens off, and we see a shift in student-faculty ratios.”

Administrators have said that next year’s freshman class size won’t increase, and last year USC began a multiyear, multimillion-dollar initiative to hire several hundred new faculty. The hiring process places a strong emphasis on faculty who can teach undergraduates in addition to conducting research. Doeringhaus said she didn’t know how the new hires would affect the overall student-faculty ratio in the future.

Steve Orlando, spokesman for UF, said that, like USC, budget cuts have prevented UF from lowering its

relatively high ratio.

“We have recognized that it should be lower, and we have made efforts to address that,” Orlando said. “Trying to increase your ratio is difficult when you’ve lost nearly \$200 million from the state legislature in the past three years.”

The increase in the student-faculty ratio at USC has forced department heads throughout the university to teach more students with less staff.

Loren Knapp, assistant dean for academic affairs and advising for the College of Arts and Sciences, USC’s largest division, said that even though his college has hired more faculty, it has had to increase certain class sizes. The college is relying more on discussion and lab sessions that provide more personal teacher-student interactions.

“Upper-division classes in very large majors have had to increase the number of students,” Knapp said. “But even those courses have some limitations — maybe 40 or 50 students compared to 30 students in the past. In a big course like History 101, you have a bigger class of 250, but it is broken down once a week into a smaller recitation.”

Knapp said his college has greatly increased the number of sections for its core classes, such as biology and chemistry, but said space for laboratory sessions is becoming increasingly limited. He said the college has increased curriculum flexibility in response to increased concerns from students who can’t get into their preferred classes.

“While it is true that students want what they want, we probably can pretty securely get them what they need,” Knapp said.

Carson Tolar, a second-year history and political science student at USC, said he notices the effects of increasing class sizes. “On grading you don’t get as much of a response, and emails take longer to get a response,” Tolar said. “I don’t know my professors as well as last year.”

But Brian Rajakovich, a third-year accounting and finance student, doesn’t see any change. “Intro classes are big, but they always have been,” he said.

Doeringhaus said that new technology, such as the Internet, can help universities deal with the new paradigm of higher student-faculty ratios.

“If the 21st century says you can’t go smaller than 19-to-1, we hope the 21st century technology says, ‘Here’s how you can be more communicative even at 19-to-1,’” Doeringhaus said. “We have to do it better, even in the new normal. We have to.”

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Beta Theta Pi awards annual Men of Principle Scholarship

USC baseball coach Ray Tanner speaks on morality at ceremony

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The Upsilon chapter of Beta Theta Pi awarded Connor Brunson its annual Men of Principle Scholarship Monday evening, and USC head baseball coach Ray Tanner was on hand to laud the organization and its ideals.

The organization received more than 40 applications for the award, which honors an undergraduate male not involved in Greek Life who is an example of the fraternity’s ideals, according to chapter scholarship chair Mark Bearden. A committee of the chapter’s members interviewed 19 semifinalists before Brunson was selected last weekend.

“We wanted somebody who really exemplified our values, meaning that they were dedicated to being a leader here in this community and to doing things the right way,” Bearden said in an interview with The Daily Gamecock. “Connor told me stories [about] his aspirations for the future to help the underprivileged; he sounded like a man of integrity.”

Brunson, a first-year public health and anthropology student, told The Daily Gamecock that he hoped to use the \$500 award to cover room and board expenses when he travels to the Volta region of Ghana for a month next

summer to volunteer in a hospital with the Volta Aid Foundation.

He also expressed his goal of making an impact locally as well, volunteering with Viva Haiti, Best Buddies and the Student United Way.

Bearden spoke of Brunson’s accomplishments as well.

“He currently serves as the vice president of Capstone, doing more than just merely holding his title,” Bearden said, speaking to an audience of about 50 Beta Theta Pi members and alumni. “Connor has created a comprehensive incentive system for Capstone Scholars that is designed to excite students to take part in Capstone’s wide variety of academic seminars, projects and events.”

Earlier in the evening, Bearden stated his organization’s ideals.

“Beta Theta Pi is an organization dedicated to building men of principle for a principled life. The goal of our brotherhood is to strengthen us as individuals and influential members of their chapter and community,” he said.

Coach Tanner also spoke, praising that mission.

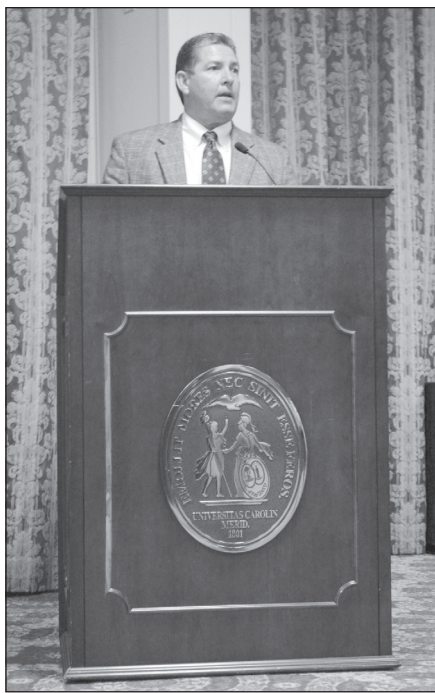
“I have tremendous respect for what you stand for,” Tanner said. “Unfortunately, it’s more of a minority now than it is the majority. Hopefully, the way that you are will have lasting effects for a lot of people.”

Tanner went on to recount stories from his childhood and career that influenced his beliefs and morality.

“Neither one of my parents graduated from high school. I learned a few things growing up, and one thing I did learn was right and wrong,” he said. “Although my parents weren’t Ivy League graduates, they had doctorate degrees in right and wrong, so I sort of had to stay the path.”

Tanner also gave advice to students about protecting their reputations in a highly connected age in which cellphone cameras and social media are always present to tarnish their names.

“I think it’s OK certainly to enjoy yourself. I tell my players all the time, ‘I don’t want you to sit in your room all the time. I want you to get out and enjoy the college experience,’” Tanner said to the gathered fraternity members. “But using judgment and being someone of principle is tremendous.”



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Ray Tanner addresses Beta Theta Pi members at Capstone House Monday.

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Protestors line Gervais Street during the ongoing “Occupy Columbia” rallies.

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Even among those more active this weekend with the protests, the group’s energy and attendance didn’t appear to have subsided. About 50 total demonstrators were present at 3 p.m. Monday, still cheering with every passing honk and chanting to passersby with a renewed energy following their march.

The challenge, though, appears to be maintaining their momentum, as the group has plans to stake out the Statehouse for at least a week, according to Karen Smoak, one of the group’s active participants. Occupy Columbia’s plans beyond that point, however, are unclear.

“To some degree, we’re making it up as we go along,” Smoak said.

Jessica Smith of Columbia, who joined the demonstration when it began Saturday morning, spoke of the group’s ability to perpetuate itself.

“The more people that have shown up, the more dedicated we’ve become, and the longer we’re here, the more people show up,” she said. “I think we’re very dedicated and very excited about this movement.”

Cammy Kennedy of Columbia had been spending 12 hours each day at the rally and had found energy in the other participants and in her frustration with the CEOs of major

corporations. “The enthusiasm of the other people has really rallied me,” she said, adding, “My dad is a small business owner ... and he has been very sacrificial in terms of sacrificing his salary to ensure that he can keep his employees and not lay off as many people, and I just wish that more of the corporate CEOs would take that same responsibility.”

Smoak, a USC broadcast journalism and mass communications graduate in 1979, also likened the recent uproar of frustration to a spark igniting a powder keg.

“I think for too long we’ve been the silent majority; we’ve been just taking it, but I think there’s strength in numbers and the sheer will of the people,” she said. “If you repress people long enough, they’re going to act up, and they’re going to act out.”

Smoak and Smith both suggested the Arab Spring revolutions earlier this year as the spark for their protesting and for the Occupy Wall Street movement.

“I figure that if those people [in the Middle East] can die or risk dying for their cause, I can come out here and get blisters on my feet and sweat a little bit for our cause,” Smoak said.

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through and through.”

Stone takes the job from Tommy Stepp, who has served as secretary for the past 24 years. Stepp will retire with 50 years of service at the end of 2011.

The unanimous vote from the board of trustees occurred during a specially called meeting Monday morning; members had interviewed three other candidates for the position in recent weeks.

Those candidates were USC administrator Charlie Fitzsimons, Columbia lawyer Brian Comer and Virginia attorney Cameron Howell.

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weekend, so we’ve started to realize that the date is kind of our biggest issue here,” Ryan said. “However, based on the schedule, this was our best bet for an away game based on mileage. Starkville (for Mississippi State) was too far.”

Ryan also said that the Tennessee game is less anticipated than last year’s bout with Auburn. Horne and Ryan said they plan to continue Carolina Convoy in the future, and they expressed interest in traveling to Baton

Rogue if USC plays Louisiana State University next season. They plan to better advertise to freshmen through University 101 classes and other initiatives. Students can now pay for Carolina Convoy tickets with only checks at the Campus Life Center on the second floor of the Russell House.

This is the first year that students will gain a loyalty point for attending the game.

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USC must commit to smaller classes

Over the past decade, the student-faculty ratio at USC has risen to highs that rank it in the lower half of the SEC. Currently at 19-to-1, this statistic has risen from 14-to-1 a decade ago. As students, we can't say we're very happy about this, which doesn't matter, because there are fewer faculty per student to hear us.

"We hesitate to pat the university on the back and say 'job well done' until this actually happens."

When the statistic was at 14-to-1, we were the leader of the SEC. It's a sad statement to say we've slipped to the lower tier in such a critical factor of

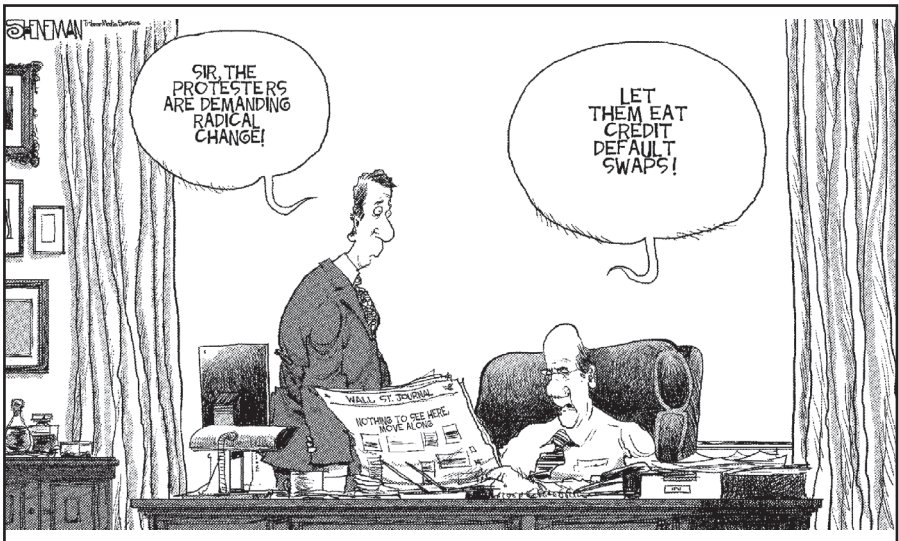
quality education.

Budget cuts combined with record freshman classes are likely to have caused the meltdown, but there is hope on the horizon. President Harris Pastides has announced there will be a cap on the increasing freshman class sizes moving forward.

Additionally, the university is implementing a faculty replenishment program to increase the number of qualified faculty here on campus. Fewer incoming students, more incoming faculty — this sounds like a good thing.

More faculty is a good thing, but our concern comes in faculty being hired as "research staff" who then teach the occasional course or two because they have to. Most underclassmen will come across a professor who is so enamored with his or her research that a quality classroom experience becomes secondary. We hope the university doesn't make this mistake moving forward.

We hesitate to pat the university on the back and say "job well done" until this actually happens. Words are one thing; action is another. These two promises are certainly good things to hear, but we've seen the university backtrack more than once on issues and promises larger than this. If the university's administration fulfills this promise and reduces its faculty to student ratio, we will happily lavish loads of praise.



Socialist sentiments doom 'Occupy'

All parties must start improving nation's future

The "Occupy Wall Street" movement has reached Columbia, with protests taking place throughout the weekend.

The movement has been dubbed by some as the liberal grassroots version of the conservative Tea Party, protesting corporate greed and economic inequalities in America. Some have even gone as far as to suggest that the Occupy Wall Street movement has the potential to become as catalytic for the Democrats as the Tea Party was the Right, though it is still too early to tell the political implications the Occupy Wall Street movement will have, and will be shaped with how it handles its core paradox.

At the core of the Occupy Wall Street movement is the belief that wealthy individuals, part of big corporations symbolized by Wall Street, are part of the systemic injustice that leads to wealth inequality. Though no specific policy positions have been associated with the movement given its early stage, many individuals both within the movement and on Main Street have called on wealthy individuals to pay money in taxes as part of paying their fair share.

The Great Recession's high unemployment levels in conjunction with tough overall economic times has made socialism common in policy discussions as long as one extols the virtues of capitalism.

Ideas such as the need to

redistribute wealth to create opportunities for the increasing number of individuals in poverty are ideas not found in the capitalist doctrines of Adam Smith but are more in line with European socialist thinkers such as Karl Marx.

This paradox of having socialist sentiments while extolling capitalism will prove to be the downfall of the Occupy Wall Street movement unless American public opinion shifts on ideas such as Marxism and socialism.

The Occupy Wall Street movement, already seen as a demagogue by the Right, could soon face charges of being anti-American for calling capitalism into question. Coupled with these challenges Occupy Wall Street protesters will rally behind President Barack Obama, renowned for being too quick to capitulate and compromise on core issues supported by the Left. This will cause the Occupy Wall Street movement to rouse the Right as it seeks to promote a message of maintaining order and status quo to allow for continued deregulation.

With the congressional debt super committee deadline fast approaching for cutting \$2 trillion from the U.S. debt, unemployment holding steady at 9.1 percent, a crumbling national infrastructure and two wars in the Middle East, it is regrettable we still live in a country where important topics are still too tough for us as a nation to discuss.

Occupy Wall Street demonstrates that our leaders in Washington, D.C., are disconnected from Main Street and the status quo is intolerable. However, regardless of one's political affiliation, the time to get serious about determining the course of our nation's future is today.

Small children shouldn't attend political rallies

Message difficult to take seriously

Yesterday before my 2:30 p.m. class in the Business Administration Building, I saw "Occupy Wall Street" protestors who clearly weren't college students marching down College Street waving signs and yelling. The group ranged from older men and women, young adults and even little children.

It was as entertaining to see the movement that's been dominating headlines and topics of conversation firsthand. However, it was unsettling to see children who appeared to be under the age of 10 in the mix. I'm a strong supporter of freedom of speech — even for the ones who aren't even legal. But I'm pretty sure little kids don't understand having a job, earning an income or wealth distribution.

I'm also pretty sure 8-year-olds don't understand the concept of taxes — unless their parents tax their allowance. These kids shouldn't have been ranting next to adults who are fed up with Corporate America. They were out of place and made the protest awkward.

These kids should have been in school learning how to count so they will eventually be able to understand what all the zeroes actually mean on a CEO's paycheck.

As a passerby, it was difficult for me to take the message seriously when some kids were the one telling me I should. They made the cause seem silly and childish. Parents should not use their children to make a political statement about issues that clearly affect adults.

Protesting is important, but it has its appropriate settings. Apparently, it also needs to have an age limit.



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Third-year journalism student

Protesters hypocritical in actions, words

Injustice portrayed on backdrop of wants rather than needs

"Occupy Wall Street" protesters are out to voice their opinion against large corporations and increasing wealth discrepancies. The protesters are chock-full of chants about the injustice served to them. Yet, I can't help but notice how protesters are tweeting or taking pictures from their smartphones, iPads and laptops while chanting about the wealth-sapping big corporations. Are these really the people America should be looking to help?

A typical smartphone can run anywhere from \$50 to \$300 on contract, with a "two-year commitment" averaging \$1,500 to \$2,000 of monthly payments for cell and data service over the life of the contract. If these folks can cover what can be described more or less as a want rather than a need, are they the best models of what America needs to fix? I don't think so.

The protests certainly deserve some merit. But there are certain points that also impair their credibility.

Take a recent visit to the New York City protests from Kanye West and Russell Simmons, lauded by protest leaders claiming to add credibility to the movement. However, these two celebrities are very much part of



Kevin Burke
Fourth-year finance student

the 1 percent that the protesters claim to occupy 33 percent of wealth in America. It's hard to add credibility to a movement that idolizes wealthy celebrities who tend to sympathize with Democrats.

I'm sure some protesters have genuine issues or concerns, whether they are neck-deep in debt or have lost their job to an overseas outsourcing movement.

Yet many, especially here in Columbia, came to join once they got off work.

With the economy as bad as it is right now, those protesters should be thankful for the jobs they have, despite the desire for something bigger and better.

Everyone wants to see themselves moving forward in society, increasing their wealth and living a comfortable life. Sure, the chances certainly decrease as the economy spirals out of control, but hope is certainly

still alive for some.

If most of the protesters were unemployed or had lost their homes, there would be a completely different perspective on the protests.

Students concerned about the job market and burdensome college loans have a legitimate complaint. The job market we were promised when entering college certainly isn't there. But I'm curious how many of these students who are protesting have gotten job offers while chanting the staple protest catchphrase. My guess is not many, and I'm not sure how many have attended the university's various networking events with employers. There's an alumni network and career centers to ensure qualified students have an opportunity to enter the job market. Protesting instead of building on those opportunities certainly isn't going to alleviate employment concerns.

This is not doomsday. America will prevail and the world as we know it will survive. Those with iPhones and BlackBerrys will be able to keep them, allowing them to complain about "injustices" from devices that cost thousands to own.

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Three gnarly skaters climbed up Sumter Street and boarded down at audacious speeds, performing exhilarating slides and dance moves. These daredevils and Columbia natives, Gene Wrightson, Alex Dingman and Ted Aslund, are the core of the city’s professional longboarding team. The team, sponsored by Salty’s Board Shop in Five Points, travels all over the Southeast to participate in major competitions. “The races with big cash prizes are really far away. We regularly compete in Charlotte, Memphis and Atlanta. A few years ago, we did a downhill sprint in Clemson and the King Street Bomb in Charleston,” Wrightson said. “We’ll go wherever there are solid riders. It’s just a matter of finding someone to carpool with.” The team has been successful in competitions since its 2009 inception, winning an array of prizes including wheels, decks, glove pucks, T-shirts and sunglasses. “We don’t go to competitions for material rewards, although the free stuff definitely helps us along financially. We travel for the love of the sport and to see our friends,” Aslund said. “We’ve met so many cool boarders from all over the region. The competitions are like reunions. We’re there to compete, but we always have a great time.” Having grown up in Columbia, Dingman and Wrightson know the city’s hillscape, and have picked out all the best longboarding spots Columbia has to offer. But they want to keep these sacred locations low key. “If everyone knew about these spots, they would draw attention from the police and get busted. Longboarding isn’t illegal, but it isn’t a right either. If the police see you using your board for transportation,



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Three area natives Gene Wrightson, Alex Dingman and Ted Aslund compete as the city’s professional longboarding team.

then you’re fine. But if you post up at the top of a hill for an afternoon, they’ll kick you off,” Wrightson said. And the Salty’s team warns against the area’s bigger slopes. “Some of the hills we regularly use are enormous. It’s no secret that Rosewood Hills is a prime spot, but it would be reckless for an inexperienced boarder to take those hills on. When daring students get hurt because they get in over their heads, this brings negative attention to a sport that can be done safely and under control,” Dingman said. However, it’s undeniable that longboarding carries an inherent risk. On Dingman’s 21st birthday last month,

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Sex trafficking film haunts, disappoints in subject

‘Whistleblower’ bases plot on true story

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“The Whistleblower’s” sole purpose is to leave a bad taste in the viewer’s mouth. Or at least that’s how it seems. Dealing with one of the most grisly subjects, human sex trafficking, “The Whistleblower” falls into the same category as “Blood Diamond” (2006) or “The Constant Gardener” (2005) — all are dramast used to promote social awareness. The difference lies in the fact that “The Whistleblower” is based on true events. In her directorial debut, Larysa Kondracki shows promise directing a flawed film that is both hauntingly powerful and disappointing. For a film about sex trafficking, “The Whistleblower” is fairly tame. Almost all of the story’s abuse is shown off-screen, and everything explicit is implied. While Kondracki may have been trying to instill her film with a sort of tact or restraint, it makes “The Whistleblower” seem muted and distant. Instead of going for the proverbial “killshot,” the film dances around some of the more graphic issues. “The Whistleblower” is about an American cop named Kathryn

Bolkovac (Rachel Weisz) who signs a contract with Democra Corp (real name: DynCorp — look them up and boycott them), a company enlisted by the United Nations to maintain a semblance of peace in post-war Bosnia. Kondracki does an excellent job of creating a mood with the images shown of Bosnia, effectively capturing the dismal, hopeless feeling of a country reeling from war. Bolkovac begins her job and is shocked by the peacekeepers’ lax standards but doesn’t think much of it until she uncovers an underground human-trafficking ring. Quickly following protocol, Bolkovac launches an investigation of the operation but is surprised when she meets resistance from her employer. The further she investigates, the more she realizes that she is uncovering a scandal of epic proportions. “The Whistleblower” is less a story and more an examination of a woman’s courage and determination. Weisz does a good job of portraying Bolkovac with a tough edge, but avoiding the hard-boiled female cop stereotype that is powering nearly every TNT drama these days. However, Weisz benefits enormously from a well-written and powerful third act, which really bolsters her performance and lets

her shine. The first two portions of the film seem to plod along and at times will have viewers checking their watches. The main culprit for this lethargic pace is the underwritten characters who interact with Weisz. It’s natural tendency to spotlight the main character in a true story, but Weisz, at times, comes across overpowering. The film is a must-see because of subject matter and the imperative

nature of the story. However, the execution of “The Whistleblower,” with the exception of the ending, lacked in a few areas which weakened the emotional impact. But “The Whistleblower” does stick to its “socially conscious drama meets political thriller” plot, satisfying viewers’ needs and expectations.

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Rachel Weisz stars as American cop Kathryn Bolkovac in the new political thriller.



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The longboarders, who have scouted out all of the best hills and skate spots in the city, frequent Sumter Street.

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he was cruising down Greene Street toward Five Points when he was hit by a female USC student in a Mercedes who had pulled an illegal U-turn.

“My body rolled up the front of the hood and shattered the windshield. I was pretty much unharmed. It’s usually not the case, but this time the car took more damage than the rider. I was really, really lucky,” Dingman said.

And the injuries didn’t stop there. Aslund hit a curb while doing a Coleman slide during the interview, bruising his heel and cracking the tip of a Loaded board he had won at a competition. But Aslund said longboard falls aren’t that bad because the rider’s body is so low to the ground.

The three longboarding team skaters can be spotted throughout the city, even through all the car collisions and minor falls, taking their turn at all their expertly scouted hills and runs.

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Pianist Phillip Bush plays with USC Symphony Orchestra



Pianist Phillip Bush, who has played everywhere from Lincoln Center’s Chamber Music Society to New York’s Bargemusic, will be performing with the USC Symphony Orchestra tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Koger Center for the Arts.

Bush will be playing Beethoven’s “Piano Concert No. 4 in G major,” a piece that Bush calls his favorite piano concerto.

Although the pianist has lived in Columbia since 2004 — and has played at the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and USC Southern Exposure series — this show will be his first time playing with an orchestra in the state.

The concert will also feature Italian conductor Nino Lepore — conducting the orchestra in Pyotr Illyich Tchaikovsky’s “Capriccio Italien” and “Piano Concert No. 4” — and a performance of Gian Carlo Menotti’s opera “The Telephone,” which will be conducted by music director Donald Portnoy.

Bush will host a preconcert talk at 6:45 p.m. in the Koger Center rehearsal hall.

Tickets are \$25 for general admission and \$8 for students.

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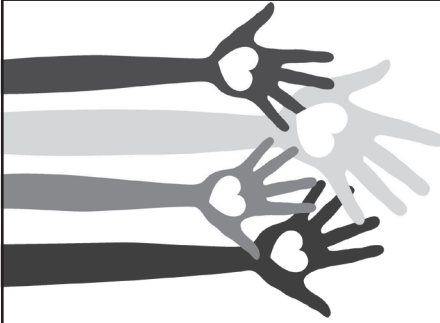
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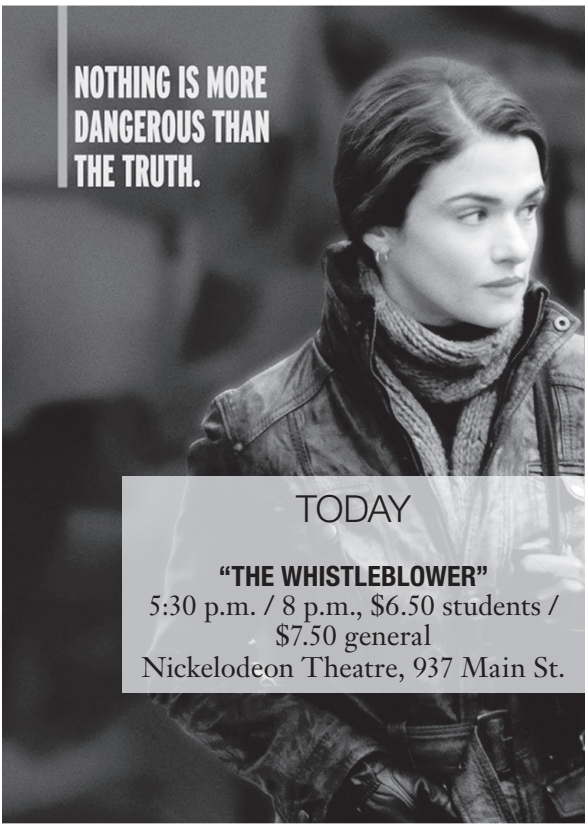


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SEC East chances not over for USC

Loss of Lattimore doesn't necessarily dash hopes

A few moments after Steve Spurrier had announced Marcus Lattimore would miss the remainder of the season with ligament and cartilage damage in his left knee, he was asked about if he had spoken with Lattimore since the tailback learned the news. Spurrier said he had, going on to say Lattimore was taking the injury “OK,” and offering a synopsis of what he had told Lattimore.



James Kratch

Fourth-year English student

“You’ve got to try to be as positive as you possibly can,” Spurrier said. “You can’t sit around feeling

sorry for yourself. That doesn’t help.”

Spurrier was talking about Lattimore. But he could’ve easily been speaking about Gamecock fans.

Injuries are part of the game, as Spurrier and several USC players have said since Lattimore got rolled up in the fourth quarter of the Gamecocks’ 14-12 win at Mississippi State. An unsavory part, sure, but a part nonetheless.

Losing Lattimore is a tough blow. But it is not necessarily one USC can’t overcome. With a lot of resiliency and a little luck, the Gamecocks can still win the SEC East and return to Atlanta.

“We all realize life’s got to go on,” Spurrier said. “Somebody’s got to try and fill his shoes, and some other positions really need to pick it up ... we all need to step it up a little bit if we’re going to have an opportunity at a big season.” Florida is out of the race. Even if the Gators somehow put it all together

and beat both Georgia and USC down the stretch, either the Bulldogs or Gamecocks would likely still finish with only two SEC losses and win the East Division.

It’s a two-horse race now between UGA and USC – “a good little battle to see who’s going to win the East,” as Spurrier called it – and the Gamecocks still control their own destiny in it, with or without Lattimore.

Spurrier said Sunday it doesn’t look like Georgia will lose again, given its favorable schedule. So let’s give the Bulldogs the benefit of the doubt and say they do indeed finish 7-1 in the SEC. There’s no reason the Gamecocks can’t do the same exact thing and, on the strength of their 45-42 win in Athens on Sept. 10, head back to the Georgia Dome.

USC has three more conference games left. All are winnable. Tennessee and Florida have quarterback issues and USC is the more talented squad in both instances. The Arkansas game will be tough – it’s been considered tough for months now – but given the revitalized Gamecock defense, the outlook is a bit sunnier now for that trip to the Ozarks. Playing the Razorbacks isn’t necessarily the pass defense nightmare is has been in the past anymore. Even without Lattimore, the Gamecocks have a puncher’s chance.

And if USC falls to Arkansas and finishes 6-2 in the league? The Gamecocks then have to hope for a little luck. Georgia will be favored against UF and Auburn. But that doesn’t mean it’s not capable of being tripped up. The Bulldogs haven’t been world-beaters during their current five-game win streak. It could happen.



Richard Pearce / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

South Carolina’s road to a second consecutive SEC East Division championship is difficult without Marcus Lattimore, but Kratch says USC can still win the division.

A lot of people have alluded to the motto USC’s two-time defending national champion baseball team operates by: “Win anyway.”

Ray Tanner’s program has thrived on that mantra. And the parallel of Jackie Bradley Jr. being lost to a wrist injury

in Starkville, Miss., while Lattimore’s injury came on the same campus are ironic.

With Lattimore out for the season, it’s time for USC to win anyway. And the Gamecocks are very capable of doing just that.



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Slotback Bruce Ellington was named SEC Co-Freshman of the Week after helping life USC to a 14-12 win at MSU.

Ellington, Swearinger earn SEC honors

Gamecocks win weekly conference awards

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The weekly award streak continued for South Carolina on Monday.

Defensive back D.J. Swearinger was named Co-Defensive Player of the Week by the Southeastern Conference and slotback Bruce Ellington was named Co-Freshman of the Week by the league for their performances in USC’s 14-12 win over Mississippi State on Saturday.

At least one Gamecock has received a league award for each of this season’s seven weeks.

Swearinger had 12 tackles against the Bulldogs and a game-sealing interception of MSU quarterback Tyler Russell on State’s final drive of the game. Ellington had 98 yards of total offense — 32 receiving, 25 rushing, 24 passing and 17 return — and played a key role in USC’s eventual game-winning drive.

The other Gamecocks to win SEC weekly awards this fall are Melvin Ingram (defensive player twice and special teams player once),

Connor Shaw and Marcus Lattimore (offensive player) and Rokevious Watkins (offensive lineman).

Swearinger shared his honor with Auburn defensive end Corey Lemonier. Ellington shared his with Georgia linebacker Ray Drew.

Jerideau to stick on offense: Converted defensive tackle Byron Jerideau will remain at offensive guard, coach Steve Spurrier said.

“We’re going to try to coach him up at offensive line, see if he can help us in there,” Spurrier said. “He wasn’t quite ready to help a whole lot after three days of practice. So he’ll have a chance through the open date and the following week to see if he can come in there and play a whole lot.

“We need some strength and surge in there. Hopefully he can give us that.”

Jerideau, who has changed his jersey number to 77 due to the move, played both offense and defense against Mississippi State. He had never played offense before in his career, but the USC coaching staff felt it was best to move him and help fortify the depth-challenged offensive line, as well as get Jerideau on the field. The former junior

college transfer was receiving limited playing time on defense.

Tennessee game time set: USC’s Oct. 29 game at Tennessee will kick off at 7:15 p.m. local time, the SEC announced Monday.

The game will emanate from Neyland Stadium on either ESPN or ESPN2, the league said.

Bray has plate put in thumb: Tennessee quarterback Tyler Bray had a plate put in his right throwing hand as he battles back from a broken thumb, UT coach Derek Dooley told reporters Monday.

Bray is still out for at least four weeks, Dooley said. The sophomore will not play against USC in two weeks. Matt Simms, who started in UT’s 38-7 loss to top-ranked LSU on Saturday, is expected to start.

Spurrier to talk after all: USC announced Monday afternoon that Spurrier would hold his usual weekly press conference today at noon. There originally was no press conference scheduled due to the Gamecocks being idle this weekend.

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Men’s soccer defeats Marshall at home

Carolina bounces back from double overtime loss to SMU

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Saturday was a night of redemption for the South Carolina men’s soccer team.

After SMU handed the Gamecocks their first conference loss in double overtime on Wednesday night, USC had to prove it could bounce back against another conference foe in Marshall. Carolina did just that, thumping the Thundering Herd 3-1.

After a fast-paced first half that ended with both teams knotted up at 1, USC exploded into the second half. The Gamecocks scored two goals within two minutes of each other in the 61st and 63rd minutes before holding on for the win.

“This team rebounded tonight, and I had absolutely no question that they would,” coach Mark Berson said. “There was not one ounce of doubt in my mind that this team would play extremely well. Marshall was a very good team, and it took a good effort tonight to win the game. I was very pleased with the way we played.”

The first of the second half goals came off a Bradlee Baladez corner that was headed in by Braeden Troyer. Two minutes later, Baladez got back in on the action with a goal of his own off a cross from Vance Benson.

“It feels great. We all came out ready to play,” Troyer said. “We were making a lot of good passes and had a few good combinations with a good cross in, and that’s how it happens.”

In the more evenly matched first half, Marshall was the first team to strike with a 20-yard goal off a free kick in the 27th minute by Tom Jackson. Two minutes later the Gamecocks would answer with a goal scored by Kevin Stam off of the first of Baladez’s two assists.

“Bradlee has a point in every conference game,” Berson said. “It’s quite an accomplishment in a tough league. He’s playing well in a time that we need him to play well, and we’re all pleased with his performance.”

The game itself was dominated by a wild offensive shootout by both teams. The squads combined for 30 shots, 12 corner kicks and 10 saves. Not only was the game an offensive show, but it also featured a combined 23 fouls committed by both teams that drew three yellow cards.

“I think our execution could be better,” Berson said. “I think we were a little sharper against SMU, but tonight we got the win, and I was really proud of our guys.

The Gamecocks (6-5-1, 4-1-0) now sit atop Conference USA as they head into tonight’s home match against N.C. State (6-6-2, 2-3-0 ACC) in a break from conference play.

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